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1. Hinsichtlich der **Bestandteile** der internationalen Anmeldung (Ersatzblätter, die dem Anmeldeamt auf eine Aufforderung nach Artikel 14 hin vorgelegt wurden, gelten im Rahmen dieses Berichts als "ursprünglich eingereicht" und sind ihm nicht beigefügt, weil sie keine Änderungen enthalten (Regeln 70.16 und 70.17)):

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		Die Erklärung, daß d Offenbarungsgehalt	as nachträglich eingereichte schriftliche Sequenzprotokoll nicht über den der internationalen Anmeldung im Anmeldezeitpunkt hinausgeht, wurde vorgelegt.
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4.	Auf	grund der Änderungei	n sind folgende Unterlagen fortgefallen:
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5. Dieser Bericht ist ohne Berücksichtigung (von einigen) der Änderungen erstellt worden, da diese aus den angegebenen Gründen nach Auffassung der Behörde über den Offenbarungsgehalt in der ursprünglich eingereichten Fassung hinausgehen (Regel 70.2(c)).

(Auf Ersatzblätter, die solche Änderungen enthalten, ist unter Punkt 1 hinzuweisen; sie sind diesem Bericht beizufügen.)

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- 6. Etwaige zusätzliche Bemerkungen:
- V. Begründete Feststellung nach Artikel 35(2) hinsichtlich der Neuheit, der erfinderischen Tätigkeit und der gewerblichen Anwendbarkeit; Unterlagen und Erklärungen zur Stützung dieser Feststellung

1. Feststellung

Neuheit (N)

Ja: Ansprüche 9, 10

Nein: Ansprüche 1-8

Erfinderische Tätigkeit (IS)

Ja: Ansprüche

Nein: Ans

Nein: Ansprüche 1-10 Ja: Ansprüche: 1-10

Gewerbliche Anwendbarkeit (IA) Ja: Ansprüche: Nein: Ansprüche:

2. Unterlagen und Erklärungen:

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#### Zu Punkt I

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Folgende Änderung in Anspruch 1, geht nach Auffassung der Behörde über den Offenbarungsgehalt der ursprünglichen Fassung hinaus: "...nach dem Zusammensetzen von Grundmodul (12) und Dachmodul (42)..."

#### Zu Punkt V

Begründete Feststellung nach Artikel 35(2) hinsichtlich der Neuheit, der erfinderischen Tätigkeit und der gewerblichen Anwendbarkeit; Unterlagen und Erklärungen zur Stützung dieser Feststellung

Es wird auf die folgenden Dokumente verwiesen:

**D1**: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 1998, no. 01, 30. Januar 1998 (1998-01-30) -& JP 09 254812 A (MAZDA MOTOR CORP), 30. September 1997 (1997-09-30)

**D2**: EP-A-1 170 197 (BAYERISCHE MOTOREN WERKE AG) 9. Januar 2002 (2002-01-09)

**D3**: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 1999, no. 08, 30. Juni 1999 (1999-06-30) -& JP 11 059489 A (MAZDA MOTOR CORP), 2. März 1999 (1999-03-02) **D4**: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2000, no. 21, 3. August 2001 (2001-08-03) -& JP 2001 106118 A (NISSAN MOTOR CO LTD), 17. April 2001 (2001-04-17)

Die vorliegende Anmeldung erfüllt nicht die Erfordernisse des Artikels 33(1) PCT, weil der Gegenstand des Anspruchs 1 im Sinne von Artikel 33(2) PCT nicht neu ist.

Dokument **D1** offenbart (die Verweise in Klammern beziehen sich auf dieses Dokument):

Karosserie für einen Kraftwagen, die eine aus großformatigen Teilmodulen zusammengesetzte Tragstruktur mit einem auf ein Grundmodul (33) aufgesetztes Dachmodul umfasst, wobei sich zwischen dem Dach (10) des Dachmoduls und dem Grundmodul (33) eine Dachsäule (2) erstreckt, welche



beim Zusammensetzen der Teilmodule mit ihrem unteren Ende (24) an dem Grundmodul (33) festzulegen ist, wobei die Dachsäule (2) als separates Bauteil ausgebildet ist, welche mit ihrem oberen Ende (21) überlappend an einem vom abstehenden Trägerteil (11) zu befestigen Zusammenfassung und Abbildungen).

Dokument D1 offenbart weiter die Merkmale der Ansprüche 2-8. Diese Ansprüche sind deswegen auch nicht neu (Artikel 33(2) PCT).

Die in den Ansprüchen 9 und 10 der vorliegenden Anmeldung vorgeschlagene Lösung kann aus folgenden Gründen nicht als erfinderisch betrachtet werden (Artikel 33(3) PCT):

Dokument D2, Figur 3, beschreibt hinsichtlich des Merkmals U-förmiges formschlüssiges Befestigungsprofil dieselben Vorteile wie die vorliegende Anmeldung. Der Fachmann würde daher die Aufnahme dieses Merkmals in die in Dokument D1 beschriebene Karosserie als eine übliche konstruktive Maßnahme ansehen.

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# Karosserie für einen Kraftwagen mit einer Dachsäule

Die Erfindung betrifft eine Karosserie für einen Kraftwagen der im Oberbegriff des Patentanspruchs 1 angegebenen Art.

Aus der DE 35 40 814 C2 ist bereits eine solche Karosserie als bekannt zu entnehmen, welche eine Tragstruktur mit einem auf ein Grundmodul aufgesetztes Dachmodul umfasst. Dem Dachmodul sind dabei B-Säulen zugeordnet, welche an dem Dachmodul befestigt sind und sich zwischen dem Dach des Dachmoduls und dem Grundmodul erstrecken. Beim Zusammensetzen der Teilmodule sind die Dachsäulen mit ihrem jeweils unteren Ende an dem Grundmodul festzulegen, wobei die Dachsäulen hierzu auf Aufnahmeprofile an seitlichen Längsträgern aufzustecken und zu befestigen sind.

Gemäß JP 09 254 812 A ist eine Kraftwagenkarosserie dargestellt, welche in konventioneller Blechschalenbauweise mit einer Vielzahl von einzelnen Blechabschnitten insbesondere durch Punkschweißen oder andere gängige Fügeverbindungen zusammengesetzt sind. Dabei erstreckt sich zwischen dem Dach und dem Seitenschweller eine Dachsäule. Beim Zusammensetzen der einzelnen Blechabschnitte der Dachsäule ist eines der Säulenbleche mit seinem oberen Ende überlappend und von außen her an einem von einem Dachabschnitt abstehenden Trägerteil zu befestigen.

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EP-A-1 170 197 zeigt ebenfalls eine konventionelle Blechschalenbauweise mit einer Vielzahl von einzelnen Blechabschnitten. Die Innenschale einer B-Säule ist dabei als integraler Bestandteil der Innenschale der gesamten Seitenwand des Kraftwagens ausgebildet. Einen ähnlichen Aufbau zeigt auch JP11 059489 A. Auch hier ist die Innenschale der B-Säule bereits als integraler Bestandteil der Innenschale der gesamten Seitenwand des Kraftwagens ausgebildet.

Schließlich zeigt auch JP 2001 10611118A eine Tragstruktur, welche in einer üblichen Bauweise hergestellt worden ist. Eine Dachsäule ist dabei oberseitig an einem Trägerteil des Daches überlappend befestigt, wobei die Verbindung der beiden Blechschalen der Dachsäulen durch ein Aufsetzen des Daches auf die Säule erfolgt. An ihrem unteren Ende ist die Dachssäule mit dem Türschweller fest verbunden.

Der Erfindung liegt die Aufgabe zugrunde, eine Karosserie der eingangs genannten Art mit einer andersartige Modularisierung und mit einer verbesserten Crashstabilität zu schaffen.

Die erfindungsgemäße Lösung dieser Aufgabe ergibt sich aus den Merkmalen des Hauptanspruchs.

Vorteilhafte Ausgestaltungen der Erfindung sind den übrigen Ansprüchen zu entnehmen.

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#### Patentansprüche

1. Karosserie für einen Kraftwagen, die eine aus großformatigen Teilmodulen zusammengesetzte Tragstruktur (10) mit einem auf ein Grundmodul (12) aufgesetztes Dachmodul (42) umfasst, wobei sich zwischen dem Dach (43) des Dachmoduls (42) und dem Grundmodul (12) eine Dachsäule (50) erstreckt, welche beim Zusammensetzen der Teilmodule (12,26,42,50,52) mit ihrem unteren Ende (64) an dem Grundmodul (12) festzulegen ist, dadurch gekennzeichnet,

dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass die Dachsäule (50) als separates Bauteil ausgebildet ist, welche nach dem Zusammensetzen von Grundmodul (12) und Dachmodul (42) mit ihrem oberen Ende (60) überlappend und von außen her an einem vom Dach (43) abstehenden Trägerteil (62) zu befestigen ist.

- 2. Karosserie nach Anspruch 1, d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t , dass das Trägerteil (62) an einem seitlichen Dachholm (46) des Dachmoduls (42) festgelegt ist.
- 3. Karosserie nach Anspruch 2, d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t , dass die Dachsäule (50) an ihrem oberen Ende (60) einen Anlageabschnitt (66) umfasst, über welchen die Dachsäule (50) von außen her gegen den Dachholm (46) abgestützt ist.
- 4. Karosserie nach Anspruch 3, d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t , dass der Dachholm (46) eine Ausnehmung (68) aufweist, innerhalb der der an dem Dachholm (46) befestigte Anlageabschnitt (66) der Dachsäule (50) einliegt.

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- 5. Karosserie nach Anspruch 1, d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t , dass das Trägerteil (62) im Querschnitt an die Form der Dachsäule (50) angepasst ist und in Erstreckungsrichtung der Dachsäule (50) verläuft.
- 6. Karosserie nach Anspruch 1, d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t , dass die Dachsäule (50) und das zugeordnete Trägerteil (62) zusätzlich über eine Schiene (74) eines Sicherheitsgurtsystems miteinander verbunden sind.
- 7. Karosserie nach Anspruch 1,
  d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t ,
  dass das untere Ende der Dachsäule (50) an einem seitlichen
  Längsträger (16) des Grundmoduls (12) festzulegen ist.
- 8. Karosserie nach Anspruch 7, d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t , dass die Dachsäule (50) am unteren Ende (64) im Querschnitt vergrößert ist und an einem Befestigungsprofil (70) endet, welches eingebaut in Erstreckungsrichtung des seitlichen Längsträgers (16) verläuft.
- 9. Karosserie nach Anspruch 8, d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t , dass das Befestigungsprofil (70) im Querschnitt im wesentlichen U-förmig ausgebildet und auf den seitlichen Längsträger (16) aufsteckbar ist.
- 10. Karosserie nach Anspruch 9, d a d u r c h g e k e n n z e i c h n e t , dass das Befestigungsprofil (70) im wesentlichen formschlüssig an dem seitlichen Längsträger (16) befestigbar ist.

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#### Body for a motor vehicle comprising a roof column

5 The invention relates to a body for a motor vehicle of the type specified in the precharacterizing clause of patent claim 1.

A body of this type which comprises a support structure having a roof module which is placed onto a basic 10 module is already known from DE 35 40 814 C2. In this case, the roof module is assigned B-columns which are fastened to the roof module and extend between the roof the roof module and the basic module. 15 assembly of the partial modules, the roof columns are to be fixed at their lower end in each case to the basic module, the roof columns having, for this to be plugged onto receiving profiles lateral longitudinal members and having to be fastened 20 thereto.

JP 09 254 812 A illustrates a motor vehicle body which is assembled in a conventional sheet-metal shell-type construction having a multiplicity of individual sheet-metal sections, in particular by spot welding or other customary joining connections. In this case, a roof column extends between the roof and the side sill. During assembly of the individual sheet-metal sections of the roof column, one of the column sheets is to be fastened at its upper end in an overlapping manner and from the outside to a support part protruding from a roof section.

EP-A-1 170 197 likewise shows a conventional sheet-35 metal shell-type construction having a multiplicity of individual sheet-metal sections. In this case, the

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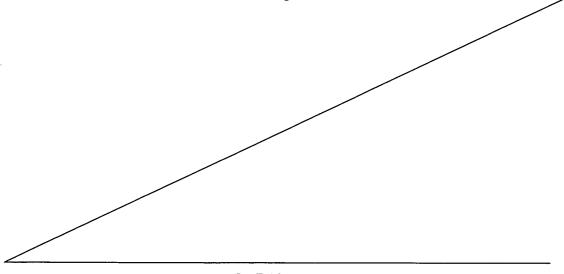
inner shell of a B-column is designed as an integral part of the inner shell of the entire side wall of the motor vehicle. JP11 059489 A also shows a similar construction. Here too, the inner shell of the B-column is already designed as an integral part of the inner shell of the entire side wall of the motor vehicle.

10 Finally, JP 2001 10611118A also shows a support structure which has been produced in a conventional construction. In this case, a roof column is fastened on the upper side to a support part of the roof in an overlapping manner, the connection of the two sheet15 metal shells of the roof columns taking place by placing the roof onto the column. At its lower end, the roof column is connected fixedly to the door sill.

The invention is based on the object of creating a body of the type mentioned at the beginning with a different modularization and with improved crash stability.

This object is achieved according to the invention by the features of the main claim.

25 Advantageous refinements of the invention can be gathered from the remaining claims.



#### Patent Claims

- A body for a motor vehicle, which comprises a support structure (10) which is assembled from large-5 size partial modules and has a roof module (42) which is placed onto a basic module (12), a roof column (50) extending between the roof (43) of the roof module (42) and the basic module (12), which roof column is to be fixed at its lower end (64) on the basic module (12) 10 during assembly of the partial modules (12, 26, 42, 50, 52), characterized in that the roof column (50) designed as a separate component which, after the assembly of the basic module (12) and roof module (42), 15 its upper end (60) be fastened at in overlapping manner and from the outside to a support part (62) protruding from the roof (43).
- 2. The body as claimed in claim 1, characterized in 20 that the support part (62) is fixed on a lateral roof strut (46) of the roof module (42).
- 3. The body as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the roof column (50) comprises at its upper end (60) a bearing section (66) via which the roof column (50) is supported from the outside against the roof strut (46).
- 4. The body as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the roof strut (46) has a recess (68) within which the bearing section (66) of the roof column (50), which bearing section is fastened to the roof strut (46), lies.
- 35 5. The body as claimed in claim 1, characterized in

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that the support part (62) is matched in cross section to the shape of the roof column (50) and runs in the direction of extent of the roof column (50).

- The body as claimed in claim 1, characterized in 5 that the roof column (50) and the associated support part (62) are additionally connected to each other via a rail (74) of a seat belt system.
- The body as claimed in claim 1, characterized in 10 that the lower end of the roof column (50) is to be fixed on a lateral longitudinal member (16) of the basic module (12).
- The body as claimed in claim 7, characterized in 15 that the roof column (50) is enlarged in cross section at the lower end (64) and ends on a fastening profile (70) which, when installed, runs in the direction of extent of the lateral longitudinal member (16).
  - The body as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the fastening profile (70) is of essentially U-shaped design in cross section and can be plugged onto the lateral longitudinal member (16).
    - The body as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the fastening profile (70) can be fastened in an essentially form-fitting manner to the lateral longitudinal member (16).

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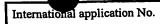


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In the opinion of this Authority, the following amendment in claim 1 goes beyond the disclosure as filed: "after the base module (12) and the roof module (42) have been assembled".

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

. Statement			<u>.</u> .
Novelty (N)	Claims	9, 10	YES
•	Claims	1-8	NO NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-10	NO NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
•	Claims		NO

Citations and explanations

This report makes reference to the following documents:

- D1: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, vol. 1998, no. 01, 30

  January 1998 (1998-01-30) and JP 09 254812 A (MAZDA MOTOR CORP), 30 September 1997 (1997-09-30)
- D2: EP-A-1 170 197 (BAYERISCHE MOTOREN WERKE AG) 9 January 2002 (2002-01-09)
- D3: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, vol. 1999, no. 08, 30 June
  1999 (1999-06-30) & JP 11 059489 A (MAZDA MOTOR
  CORP), 2 March 1999 (1999-03-02)
- D4: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN, vol. 2000, no. 21, 3 August 2001 (2001-08-03) & JP 2001 106118 A (NISSAN MOTOR CO LTD), 17 April 2001 (2001-04-17)

The present application fails to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

D1 discloses (the references in parentheses are to D1):

a motor vehicle body that comprises a support structure made up of large-size sub-modules and having a roof module placed on a base module (33), wherein a roof pillar (2) extends between the roof (10) of the roof module and the

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base module (33), and the lower end (24) of said roof pillar is to be fixed to the base module (33) during assembly of the sub-modules, the roof pillar (2) being a separate component and the upper end (21) of said roof pillar is to be fixed in an overlapping manner to a support part (11) that protrudes from the roof (10) (see abstract and figures).

D1 also discloses the features of claims 2 to 8. These claims are therefore also not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The solution proposed in claims 9 and 10 of the present application cannot be regarded as inventive for the following reasons (PCT Article 33(3)):

D2, figure 3, describes, with regard to the feature of the U-shaped form-fitting fastening profile, the same advantages as the present application. A person skilled in the art would therefore regard the incorporation of this feature into the vehicle body described in D1 as a conventional structural measure.